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### **AEROQUIP-INOAC COMPANY RECEIVES THE STAR AWARD**

LIVINGSTON- Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Michael E. Magill, on behalf of Gov. Don Sundquist, today awarded Aeroquip-Inoac Company, located on Industrial Circle in Livingston, the **VOLUNTEER STAR** Award. The **VOLUNTEER Safety Through Accountability and Recognition** (STAR) Award is the state's highest honor for workplace safety and health and a nationally recognized program.

Commissioner Magill congratulated Aeroquip-Inoac's employees during the ceremony held at the Livingston company. "Tennessee's VOLUNTEER STAR program participants are a select group of employers who have designed and implemented outstanding health and safety programs. We welcome Aeroquip-Inoac into this exclusive group."

Gary Tapocsi, plant manager, said, "Achieving STAR status could not have been attained without the efforts of our entire group. One of Aeroquip-Inoac's greatest advantages has been an environment where all team members are proactive and have adopted the responsibility for a safe and healthy workplace."

Aeroquip-Inoac, which manufactures spoilers and body side moldings for the automotive industry, has been in business since 1987. The plant has since doubled in size and expanded from 70 to 180 employees.

The main objective for participation in the STAR program is the improvement of the company's safety and health program, which helps reduce accidents and injuries. The program also allows employers to be removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of three years. TOSHA consultants work with companies through the internal and external review that is part of the application process.

For more information on the VOLUNTEER STAR Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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